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CMSP Letter # 93 - 1

TO: All CMSP County Welfare Directors

SUBJECT: CMSP Maintenance Need Levels Questions & Answers

In CMSP Letter 92-6 (December 22, 1992), you received a listing of revised County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Maintenance Need Levels which are effective February 1, 1993. This letter provides all CMSP counties with the most commonly asked questions and answers related to these changes.

1. Q. Do the revised lower maintenance need levels apply to CMSP cases, including mixed CMSP/Medi-Cal cases?
 - A. Yes, these new levels apply to all CMSP cases including mixed cases. The Medi-Cal portions of these cases will continue to use the current Medi-Cal levels, which remain unchanged.
2. Q. Will the Share of Cost in a mixed CMSP/Medi-Cal case be the same in each case?
 - A. This will no longer automatically occur. In most situations, the CMSP Share of Cost will now be higher than the Medi-Cal Share of Cost.
3. Q. When must these revised levels be used?
 - A. The effective date of the revision is February 1, 1993. As of that date, all intake and continuing cases must use these levels.
4. Q. Is a Notice of Action required if a CMSP Share of Cost created or increases?
 - A. Yes, a valid, timely Notice of Action is required.
5. Q. Will all current CMSP beneficiaries be notified of this change?

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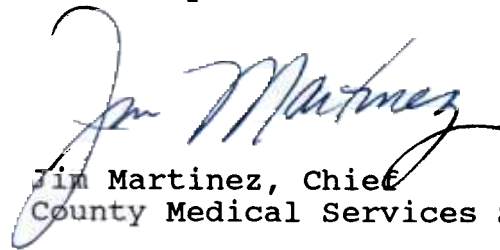
- A. All current CMSP beneficiaries without a Share of Cost will receive a stuffer notice with their February CMSP Card. All beneficiaries with a new or increased Share of Cost will receive a formal Notice of Action from the County Welfare Departments.

6. Q. Is CMSP Manual Section 0603 still operational?

- A. No. This manual section has been repealed. The revised manual pages enclosed in CMSP Letter 92-6 erroneously included this Section. Enclosed with this letter, you will find two (2) copies of the correct version of Page 125.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Albert Cooper of my staff, at (916) 322-1615.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Martinez", is written over a typed name and title.

Jim Martinez, Chief
County Medical Services Section

Enclosure

cc: CMSP Contact Persons

CMSP ELIGIBILITY MANUAL

Article 9. Maintenance Need

0601. Maintenance Need -- General

The amount of income a person or family is allowed to retain for living expenses shall be the maintenance need for the members of the CFBU living in the home as determined in accordance with Section 0603.

0605. Maintenance Need Levels

<u>Number of Persons in CFBU</u>	<u>Maintenance Need</u>
1 person in all situations	\$ 570
2 persons	\$ 713
2 adults	\$ 887
3 persons	\$ 887
4 persons	\$ 1045
5 persons	\$ 1196
6 persons	\$ 1346
7 persons	\$ 1473
8 persons	\$ 1607
9 persons	\$ 1734
10 persons	\$ 1861

For each additional person add \$14.